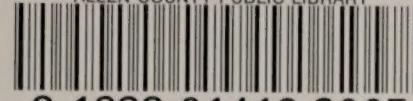


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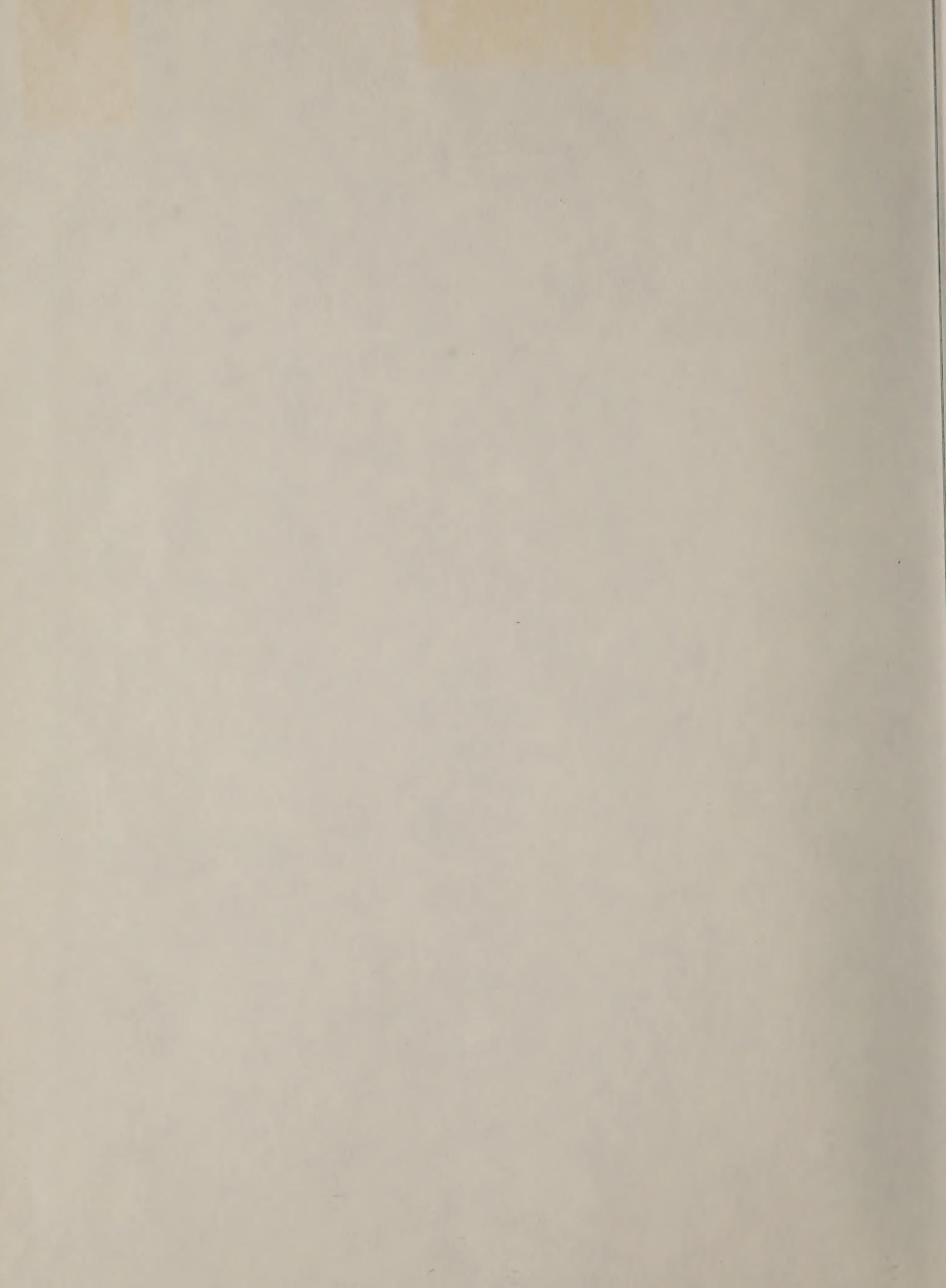


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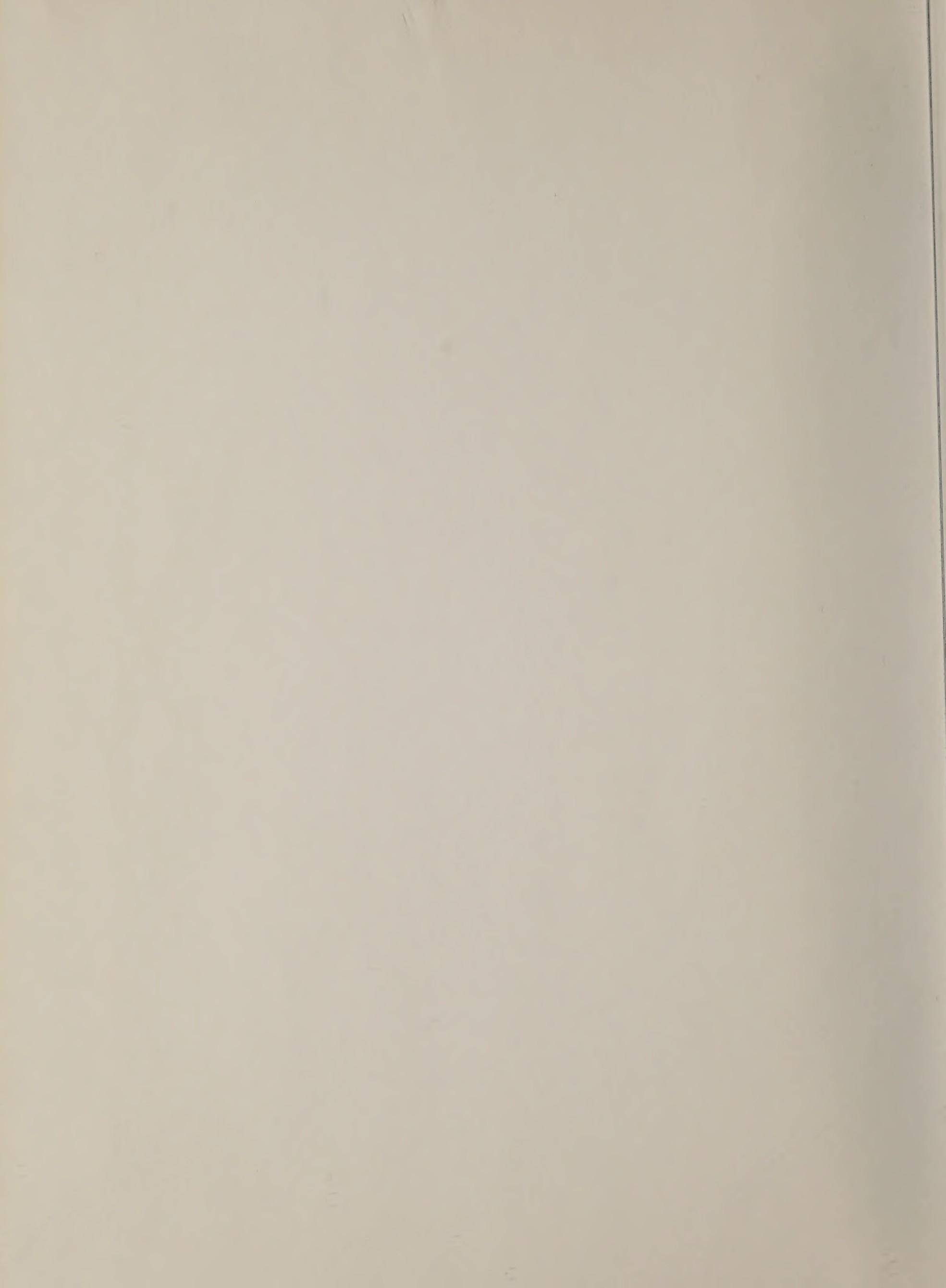
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PETERS FAMILY

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CONTINUATION OF CHART NO. 1

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m—married  
d—died  
r—resided

52 2 John Peters  
b 1761  
m Jan. 31, 1787  
d Oct. 10, 1796 (aged 35 yrs)  
r Norfolk Co., Va.

PATERNAL

4 b  
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ANCESTORS OF

26 1 Milnor Whidden Peters  
b 1787  
\* d. 4/23/1823

m Elizabeth Saunders Carter  
of Williamsburg, Va.  
on 5/28/1810

106 \* John Whidden, III.

6 b 9/19/1730  
m (2) Feb. 14, 1758  
d April 14, 1796  
r (aged 65 years)

5 3 Ann Whidden  
b ca. 1765  
d 1816  
(m- 2nd-John Camp on  
6/9/1798)

10 7 Mary Corpew  
b 1735? 1731?  
d aft. 1796

HAZEL KRAFT EILERS  
At the Sign of the Crest  
2522 THAYER STREET  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

\* Revolutionary Soldier

MATERNAL

212 12 Capt. John Whidden II

b ca. 1683  
m 5/22/1729  
d ca 1748  
r

4 24 John Whidden I 12i  
b ca. 1658 m ca. 1680  
d will made r Norfolk Co.  
Aug. 13, 1729 Va.  
Sarah Yates 12j  
b 1660 d

4 25 Richard Church II, 12k  
b m  
d 1/5/1705 will prob.

4 26 Mrs. Abigail (Church)  
b ca 1685 Cawson  
m.(1) Jonas Cawson 4 27  
m.(2nd) 1729 Whidden  
Elizabeth --  
b d

4 27 John Corpew III 12m  
b m  
d 1741 r

4 28 Joshua Corpew  
b m  
d 1741 r  
Mary --  
b d

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1004 East Marshall Street  
Richmond, Virginia

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk,  
Will Book 8, p. 261

Will of Mary C. McCandlish of the City of Norfolk, dated 5 June 1852, proved 23 May 1853.  
My house and lot in Norfolk to my nephew, John Peters, in trust for sole use and benefit of my daughter Mary E. Saunders during her natural life without being responsible for the debts and liabilities of her husband, John C. Saunders. (Catherine St. immediately adjacent to the mansion house to the Creek.)

At the death of my said daughter Mary E. Saunders, I give the said lot thus loaned as follows:

1/4 to the children of said Mary Saunders and their heirs

1/4 to my son Robert McCandlish

1/4 to my son James M. McCandlish

1/4 to my daughter Anna Maria Boyle

Signed - Mary C. McCandlish

## Witnesses:

Sarah M. Shepherd

Sarah A. Peters

John Peters

Solomon S. Keeling  
Codicil - dated 5 June 1852. In regard to lot referred to in my will I give the same to my three children, Robert J. McCandlish, James M. McCandlish and Anna Maria Boyle.

Signed - Mary C. McCandlish

MABEL LOUISE KEECH  
*At the Sign of the Cross*



PETERS

City of Norfolk  
Deed Book 13, p. 271

Received of Jacob Vickery \$244.44 each  
for our 1/3 of \$733.33, due by said Jacob Vickery  
to the estate of the widow of John Peters, as part  
of her dower, for the full possession of the Mansion  
House in Catherine Street that did belong to the estate  
of John Peters, and to which said J. Vickery and our-  
selves were Legatees.

Dated 31 July 1816.

Signed - Thomas McCandlish-Seal  
Milnor W. Peters - Seal

Witness:

F. Gatewood  
Recorded Norfolk Nov. 14, 1816.

Ib. p. 278

Received of Jacob Vickery \$655.55 in full of  
the amount due me by said Jacob Vickery, it being my  
part of the overplus of money drawn by him in the  
division of the estate of John Peters, dec'd.

Signed - Milnor W. Peters

Recorded Norfolk Nov. 14, 1816.

Ib. p. 278

14 Nov. 1816 - Milnor W. Peters and Elizabeth  
his wife to Mary C. McCandlish, wife of Thomas  
McCandlish, all of the Borough of Norfolk and Com-  
monwealth of Virginia, consideration \$900.00 one  
undivided third part of all that lot or piece of  
land on the west side of Catherine Street with a  
Dwelling House thereon, bounded on the south by  
the house and lot owned and occupied by Jacob  
Vickery and Ann W. his wife, on the west by the  
Creek, on the norther by ----- St., and on the  
east by Catherine Street, and is the same lot which

City of Norfolk  
Deed Book 13,  
p. 378 continued

was set by commissioners appointed by the  
Court of Norfolk Borough in a suit in Chancery  
instituted for the purpose of making a division  
of the estate of John Peters, deceased, father  
of the said Milnor W. Peters and Mary C. McCand-  
lish, among his heirs, and allotted to Ann Camp  
late the wife of John Camp, as and for her  
dower in the lands of John Peters deceased,  
her former husband, during her natural life,  
the other 2/3 of said house and lot being now  
the fee simple estate of the said Mary C.  
McCandlish.

Signed - Milnor W. Peters - Seal  
Eliza Peters - Seal

No witnesses

Justices John E. Holt and W. B. Lamb, gent.  
requested to take the relinquishment of her  
dower from Elizabeth Peters which she did on  
14 Nov. 1816.

Ib. p. 6

Deed dated 28 March 1815 - Thomas McCandlish  
and Mary his wife of the Borough of Norfolk  
and State of Virginia, to Anne W. Vickery wife  
of Jacob Vickery, whereas John Peters, late  
of said Borough, deceased, was in his life  
time and at the time of his death possessed in  
fee simple of certain lots of land in the  
Borough of Norfolk and being so seized and  
possessed departed this life intestate in the  
Year 1797, leaving three children, to wit, Milner  
Whidden Peters, the said Mary C. McCandlish,  
then Mary C. Peters and the said Ann W. Vickery,  
then Ann W. Peters, to whom the aforesaid par-



PETERS

City of Norfolk  
Deed Book 13,  
p. 6 continued

cells of land passed and descended in fee simple equally to be divided, subject however, to the Dower of Ann Peters, his widow, now Ann Camp, wife of John Camp. And whereas by a suit in Chancery instituted in the Court of the said Borough of Norfolk for the purpose of effecting a division of the aforesaid lots of land and appurtenances among the above named representatives of said John Peters, dec'd, and by the commissioners appointed by the Court to divide the same, a certain parcel of land on the west side of Catherine Street lying between the land of Mrs. Ann Rhodes, on the south, and the Mansion House and lot of the said John Peters, deceased, on the north was allotted to the said Thomas McCandlish and Mary C. his wife in right of said Mary C. and the said Mansion House and lot were allotted to said Jacob Vickery and Ann W., his wife, in right of said Ann W., by certain metes and bounds, and a certain lot on the same side of the aforesaid street with a dwelling house thereon, at the intersection of the said street which \_\_\_\_\_ street was allotted to the said John Camp and Anne his wife, as the Dower of the said Ann Camp, during her natural life, as will appear by referring to the commissioners report filed in the aforesaid suit and the final decree thereon. And whereas the lot and appurtenances now held by said John Camp and Ann his wife in right of the said Anne as her dower, will after her death be subject to a division among the said Milner Whiddon Peters, Mary C. McCandlish and Ann W. Vickery, and whereas the said Thomas McCandlish and Mary his wife and Jacob Vickery and Ann W. his wife, have mutually agreed to exchange lands so that the fee simple estate in the lands

City of Norfolk  
Deed Book 13,  
p. 7 continued

thus exchanged shall be vested in said Mary C. McCandlish and Ann W. Vickery, now this Indenture witnesseth, etc.

Signed - Thomas McCandlish - Seal

Mary C. McCandlish - Seal  
No witnesses  
Recorded Norfolk 28, March 1818

Tb. p. 8

Similar deed from Jacob Vickery and Anne W. his wife of the County of Norfolk to Mary C. McCandlish, wife of Thomas McCandlish of the Borough of Norfolk.

Norfolk County  
Deed Book 14, p.

21 Nov. 1818 - Milner W. Peters and Elizabeth his wife of the Borough of Norfolk, to John R. Harwood, Esq. of the same place, consideration \$2200. Lot of land on Catherine Street, between Mr. P. Gatewood's property and J. Vickery's to Richard Bagnall's property to the Marsh, etc. it being the same property allotted to said Milner W. Peters by the commissioners who partitioned the property of John Peters, dec'd, etc.

Signed - Milner W. Peters - Seal  
Elizabeth Peters - Seal  
Witnesses:

John E. Holt  
George Norton  
Thos. Warren  
Recorded Norfolk 25 Nov. 1818.

PETERS



From: Eddie Scott Kilain  
Lower Norfolk County Deed Book and  
Princess Ann County Deed Book

"PETERS" - (MARRIED)  
(Notes from York County, Va.)

Norfolk City, Va., J.B.2, page 262, John Peters estate in account with  
John Camp who intermarried with Ann Peters the administrator. 1795 to 1804  
is reported; date of sale is 1798.

J.B. 3, page 117, John and Ann Camp on John Peters.. the audit.  
Widous dower \$959.32  
Minor Peters 639.53 2/3  
"Mary C. " "  
"Ann W. " "  
Signed by John Camp, agent for administrator, July 9, 1811.  
Returned to Court 26 April 1814.

Norfolk City Minutes 13, p. 384, John Camp and Ann Camp, guardians of  
Milnor, Polly, and Mary Peters, orphans of John Peters deceased.

In 1825, Frances Camp, widow, was executor of George W. Camp, dec.  
Jacob Vickery was her security. Vickery married Ann W. Peters,  
daughter of John and Ann Peters; Ann, as widow of John Peters married  
John Camp.

John Camp, Sr. married (1) Mrs. Hnn Peters  
died 1832 1798 She died 1816 30 May  
(2) Ann Steed)

Children: Sarah Massenburg Camp  
Infant 1825

Children )  
by first husband )  
John Peters )

Wilmer W. Peters  
Mary C. McCandlish  
Ann Vickery

John Camp marriage  
Martha G. Camp d 1316  
Sarah L. Camp  
Suseannah Emery Camp b. 2 July 1809 Died Aug. 7, 1810  
Virginia Camp b. 24 May 1811  
Smith Shepherd married Sarah ... Camp 18, Oct. 1825



## PETERS

Lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary.  
 V. 3, p. 33. Will of Mary Ashall 17 Feb. 1672/3. Land on which Geo. Ashall did live was divided between James Peters his wife Elizabeth, Jacob John and his wife Mary. Simon Handcock and wife Susan being the daus. of Ashall. Suit Geo. Asha 11 Jan. 1647. Will of Geo. Ashall. To son Geo. not of age of 16, son Richard, dau. Elizabeth wife of Thos. Reynolds, dau. Mary Ashall, dau. Susanna. Wife Mary. 1 Sept. Wits: Thos. Budge, Edw. Braggs, Geo. Stevens.

Norfolk Co. D. B. 9.  
 p. 105. James Peters of Princess Ann Co., to Wm. Grant land on Tanners Creek. 15 Dec. 1709.

p. 106. James Peters of Princess Ann Co., to Edward Harrison tract of land called Short Creek being in the occupation of Edward Harrison and Ann his mother situated in Norfolk Co., containing 200 a. 15 Dec. 1709.

D.B. 7.

p. 48. John Cherry, husband of Sarah Cherry one of the daughters of Aaron Spring, dec. suing Wm. Bolton & Eliz. his wife admr. of last Will of Aaron Spring, decd. 15 Sept. 1794.

D.B. 4.

p. 144. 25 June 1683. Alice Peeters of Lower Norfolk Co., for natural love and affection I have for my son Simon Peeters of above Co., my nept dwelling plantation in Daniel Tanners Creek in the Co. of Lower Norfolk. Wits: Wm. Porter, Benj. Hargraves.

p. 130. 10 Jan. 1682/3. Nicholas Huggins & Alice his wife of one part and James Peeters of the other part for 200 pounds to James Peeters and Elizabeth his wife tract of land whereon sd James Peeters now lives being about 200 a. part of a patent granted to Geo. Ashall being divided into three parts, is that part commonly known by the name of Wolf's Neck which land Geo. Peeters sold to James Jackson and by Geo. Jackson sold 16 June 1682 to Nicholas Huggins.

p. 122. 16 June 1682. James Peeters & Elizabeth his wife of Little Creek Co. of Lower Norfolk to James Jackson of same for 200 pds. 200 a. of land lying on Little Creek part of a patent of 900 a. formerly belonging to Geo. Ashall which sd James Peeters hold in right of his wife Elizabeth, one of the daughters of sd Ashall.

Will Book B. f. 86a. Lawrence Peeters assigns a patent of land to Richard Whitehurst 7 Oct. 1639 land granted by patent 22 May 1637.

Wm. & Mary Quar. 26. P. 36 Aages of L.N. Co. people 1637-1665. Simon Peeters age 28 in 1640.

P. 38. Simon Peeters age 42 in 1652. Simon Peeters age 42 in 1654. Ferdinand Peeters age 27 in 1656. P. 135. Simon Peeters age 62 in 1672.

Lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary. V. 2, p. 118. June 9, 1798. Marriages: John Camp and Mrs. Ann Peters (widow).

P.A. D.B. No. 2. 1708-1714.

p. 150. Will of James Peters of P.A. Co. to cousin James Lowry, son of James Lowry when 21 yrs. of age. To cousin James Hancock, son of Geo. and Mary Hancock, cousin Capt. Geo. Hancock. 27 Feb. 1709.

p. 34. James Peters of P. A. Co. to Capt. Geo. Hancock 1/2 of cattle, etc. Land in this Co. known by name of Pyney Island. 19 Jan. 1709. Wits: Ashall Hancock, Wm. Hancock.

p. 74. 6 April 1709. James Peters yeoman to Robt. Ward of P.A. part of a patent granted sd Peters 1690.

W.M. (1) 5, P. 249. John Peters member of Committee for Sussex Co. 8 May 1775.

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Norfolk City M.B., May 28, 1810, Milnor J. Peters and  
Miss Elizabeth Carter; Robert McCandlish was security.  
A note filed 4th this bond says that the couple was  
married the same day by Rev. Robert J. Symes, rector of  
Christ P. E. Church. Also included is a note that the  
bride, Elizabeth Carter was the ward of Robert Saunders  
of Williamsburg (all this Peters, Carter and Saunders  
connection is very good).

Baptismal records of Rev. Symes record show that Sarah Ann,  
daughter of Milnor J. Peters and Elizabeth, his wife, was  
baptized Oct. 20, 1811, having been born February 27, 1811.  
There was at least one other child born to Mr. Peters,  
because Mr. Symes made a record in 1813 that he had  
buried the child of Mr. Milnor W. Peters on June 7.

Calender Va. State Papers V-8  
P 233 - July 2, 1776  
John Whidden paid 405 Rs. for services of himself  
and servants in mounting cannon about fortifications  
at Portsmouth.

L.N. V-3 - 20

Mar Bonds Feb. 7 - 1778

Wm. Cunningham - Miss Eliz. Whidden  
Daughter John Whidden

L.N. B-1 - 36

John Whidden, Church Warden, Saint Brides Parish

L.N. - N-4 - P 138

John W. - LN Co. 1782  
1414

L.N. V-5 - P 6 - 1782 Slave Owners

John W. 7 W - 17 Blacks  
Terry Point to Great Bridge

Heads of Family Va. Norfolk Co. 1785

Whidden - Jno. 5

W & M V-8 - 2 - P 174  
Jan. 31, 1787

Mar. - Norfolk Co.

John Peters - Ann Whidden daughter of John W.

P. 108 - N. C. Mar. Bonds

Sept. 22, 1772

John W. Jr. Ann Herbert  
Daughter John Herbert



May 14, 1953

Ann Waller Reddy  
1005 East Marshall St.,  
Richmond 19, Virginia

November 24, 1952

Mrs. Ida Lee  
2913 Noble Ave.  
Richmond, Va.

RE: Michael Gile Collins

Check your file on the above, my letter of May  
21, and see what we can determine on this one.

RE: White

My letter of August 4. Do you think it worth while  
to dig into this White line any further at your end?

RE: John Peters

I find that he was married on 5-28-1810. So that he  
must have been assistant to Vicksburg some time after  
that time. There should be some records around there  
which might give us a little better report on this.

RE: Captain Hugh Brown

My letter of July 7, 1952. Would you check on this  
and see if it is worth while to check into it any  
further.

MDR:mn

M.D. Futherford

M.D. Futherford

P.S. It will be about a month before I leave so you will have time to do considerable  
in the interim and perhaps we will discover these items in the meantime.

I have a reference to Norfolk Deed Book No. 48, P. 338, which gives a list  
of a number of the people we have been talking about but I don't see anything here  
which would add anything to the information we have. That is, I mean our search  
into the ancestors of the one whom we are following up.

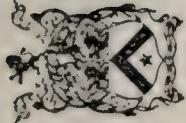
Norfolk Journal had a note about the inscription on the tombstone of John  
Peters, who died October 7, 1796, age 35 years. Also a record of the memory of  
Elizabeth Tucker Peters, who died September 25, 1795, age 2 years and 2 months.

K.C.R.



PETERS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA.

1005 East Marshall Street  
Richmond 19, Virginia



Ann Waller Reddy  
Historical and Genealogical Research

John Peters came from New York or Philadelphia, I have always heard, but we have so far, no accurate history before his marriage to Anne Whiddon of Lower Norfolk County (now Princess Anne Co.). Her family came from England before 1692 from Chagford, Devonshire.

Her father John Whiddon I, at which time he was made Constable for Southern Branch of Elizabeth River - (we have his line back several generations in England.

John Peters and Anne Whiddon had three children, Milnor Whiddon, Nancy and Mary. Milnor (my grandfather) married Elizabeth Carter of Williamsburg, daughter of Dr. James Carter and Sarah Saunders Carter of Williamsburg - She, Elizabeth, was left an orphan at eight years of age and went to live with her aunt.

Nancy Peters (married Mr Candalish of Williamsburg), Mary Peters, married Jacob Vickery of Norfolk, Collector of the Port of Norfolk.

It is said that Milnor, living in Norfolk with his parents, was sent to W. & Mary College and lived with his aunt, while there he married Elizabeth Carter - They came to Norfolk and lived for a while with his sister Mrs. Vickery. Later after children came, moved in house next door (owned by the Vickerys) Milnor Peters was Deputy Collector under his brother-in-laws Jacob Vickery's office. They had 3 children John Whiddon, my father, Martha and Sarah Anne.

John my father married Anne Browne issue two my father John Peters, only living son of Milnor Whiddon Peters, was a lawyer. He was Commonwealth's attorney of Princess Anne Co., later moved to Norfolk and practiced law there, but was made 1st President of The People's Bank, which he helped to organize, served many years there until his death.

Daughters, both long dead. He married secondly Susan Agnes Lumsden (my mother) they had seven children, only three lived to be grown, James Sidney Peters, Bessie (Elizabeth Carter Peters, and Marvin Peters - Sidney, a minister/keth. Church, left 7 children, Marvin left one child and I have only one child, Margaret Britt Mackley - Marvin's only child (Marion Atwood Peters J Chr'stopher (divorced) lives in New York. My daughter Margaret Britt Mackley lives with me, her only daughter Mrs. Basil Spalding III lives in Richmond.

My brother Sidney's children are all living and married, but it would take too long to write out about them today, tho' they are fine and I am very proud of them. One a minister, one a graduated lawyer of University of Virginia, and also graduated construction and civil engineer - lives in Huntington, W. Va. Frank W. Peters

An old family Bible (not mine) says that Martha Peters, my father's sister married Solomon Keding of Princess Anne Co. Their grand children still live in Princess Anne - their old home built in 1634 & till standing in Princess Anne, but has been sold several times - Sarah Anne your Great Grandmother married Thomas Woodhouse of Princess Anne - After my grandfather's death (Milnor Peters in

May 9, 1951;

Mr M. Drexel Rutherford,

4400 Madison St.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr Rutherford;

I believe these names would be followed for now in both York and Norfolk counties.

These are ~~last~~ names of people and explain why the families intermarrying as they did were difficult to place. I do not have as much proof as we would like to show but had better send this to you so you can see how it goes.

Trust to have a very nice vacation or if your trip is solely business let it will go on successfully.

Yours truly,

Ann Waller Reddy

A.M.R.

I have written to Christ Church for the death date of the daughter born 1810 to see if the church has this as I wanted to look the Norfolk papers over that date to see if they have any information.

There are others who may have died in the old house, but I could get her death date. I was going to include the new papers to see if they had any information.

It is of course a chance that she belonged to the same church all her life.



My father John Peck, my living son of 70 years  
died June 1st, 1913, his wife, his wife's name  
was Mrs. Anna C. Peck, she died January  
19, 1913, at age of 71. They had one son,  
John W. Peck, he died in 1912.  
He married, second many years before his death.

(Norfolk) My grandmother moved to Williamsburg and lived with her  
sister, Mrs. Thos. Woodhouse and died there. - They afterwards  
moved to Statesville, N.C., and I had lost all account of them.  
I know they had one son, Dr. Virgiline Keeling, but don't even  
know the names of others.

Now you must write me how you tie up with them and us. It is very  
interesting to me - I was only 6 years old when my father died so  
I didn't hear much family history from him, but have kept up with  
some of my Keeling relatives here.

I am now 75 years old and will have to give you the Carter Line  
another time, as I am rather feeble, to more of it today.

I was glad to have your letter and hope this will help you some. I  
phoned Judge William Whildon Keeling, daughter today, and she read  
me some names and dates from her old family Bible. She is Mrs. Howard  
Ashburne, 211 Dover Circle, Norfolk, Va.

I should like now to hear some of your immediate family history.  
I went to see Eloise Hunter yesterday, we have always known them,  
her mother is from Princess Anne Co.

There are quite a number of Woodhouses here. Dr. Robert W. of Va.  
Beach is a grand man in every way. He has a brother who is a  
professor at University of U. C. Chapel Hill - who is quite a  
genealogist - Have you the Woodhouse family history? I am sure he  
has it.

I know very little of the Saunders genealogy, but they were very  
prominent in their day in Williamsburg. Lived next door to The  
Palace (house still there) on Palace Green and Dr. James Carter  
owned a home immediately across from the Saunders on opposite side  
next to The Palace. You should go to Williamsburg. It is inter-  
esting since Rockefeller has restored it - I don't have time any  
more to look things up. Our servant problem is unspeakable here  
so I am kept too busy.

Very sincerely -

(Signed) Bessie Carter Foster Britt

Oct. 1st.







positive sick & difficult to manage -  
positively premonitory before a fit. etc.  
at times, my relatives staying here  
in the winter time, it is  
a quiet season, so it is.

I was glad to find our little dear wife  
had got her voice back - I thought Judge  
Wellmore would never recover it, yesterday,  
she is at last on the road to recovery  
and her family, William, John & Edward  
are in town 211 Taverne Circle, Norfolk, Va  
I should like now to read some of your  
immediate family history -  
I went to see Eliza Hunter yesterday, we  
have always known them, her mother is from  
Miss Anna Co.

She is a gentle woman & Woodhouse, her  
son Robert W. of Va (Deeble is an grand man in  
art) - He has a brother who is a professor  
at Univ. of C. Clarkel Hill - who is quite a  
peculiar gift - have you seen the Wood in these  
days? I am sure he has it.  
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from James Watson's house, where he resided  
at his son's house, Mr. & Mrs. Watson's house  
is now occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Keeling, I  
believe.

Elizabeth Carter daughter of Dr. James and Sarah Saunders Carter of Williams-  
burg was born on the 11th day of March 1795.  
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Milnor Whiddon Peters & Elizabeth Saunders Carter were married May 28th 1810.  
Their children were  
Sarah Anne, daughter of Milnor W.  
and Eliza Peters born on 27th Feb. 1816. d 27th of  
March 1812.  
Mary Milnor - born 7th April 1814.  
John W. their son born 11th of March 1814.  
Martha Eliza their daughter born Aug 25, 1816 Va.  
Sarah Anne Peters & Thomas K. S. Wood -  
former were married 15th of Feb. 1831.  
John W. Peters & Eliza F. Burfield  
married 24th of March 1838 (This was  
first marriage (no issue) 2nd one to Mrs. James  
Miller & died one to Miller's son James -  
died (no issue) three children -  
Marie Milnor married Joseph Keel-  
ing of Norfolk Va.

Martha Eliza, nee Solomon S. Keel-  
ing of Petersburg Co. Va.  
They had about 6 children 2 sons & 4 daughters  
all dead (Judge Milnor Keeling was one of them)

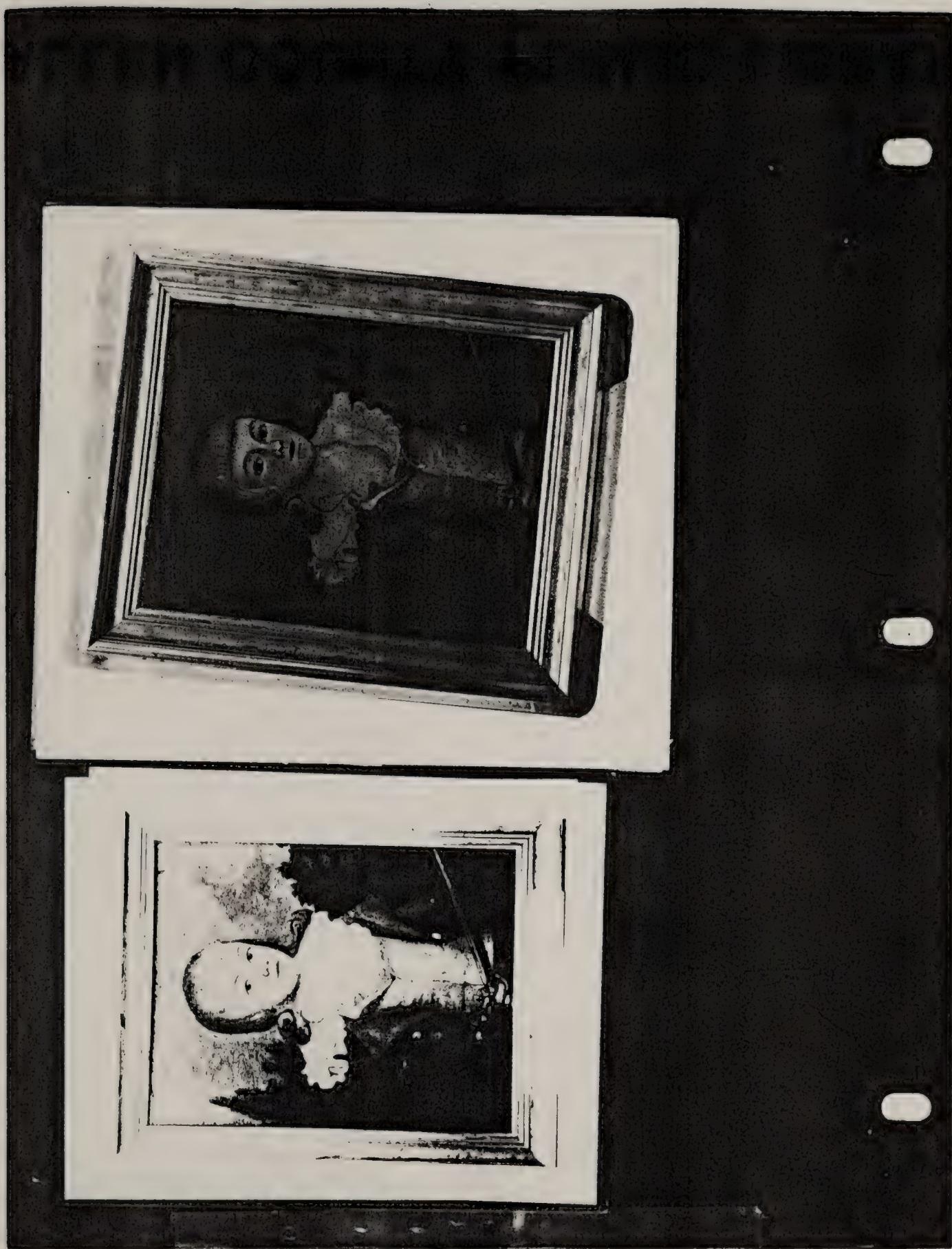
Feb. 15th, 1831.  
Solomon S. Keeling and Martha Eliza Peters were married on Feb. 27th, 1834.

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Chicago Historical Society  
North Avenue and Clark Street  
Chicago, Ill., Illinois

Lester B. Bridgeman, Museum Director

March 25, 1957

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 20. We are always eager to assist our members in any way possible and for that reason I would suggest that the best place to secure an opinion as to the provenance and artist of your painting, would be to take it to the Art Institute of Chicago. Mr. Frederick A. Sweet, Curator of American Painting there, is an authority on the subject as is also Dr. Hans Huth, the Research Curator, and I feel sure that either of these gentlemen could give you a more authoritative opinion than we could give you here. I would suggest, however, that you take the picture itself in since it is always difficult to form any definite opinion from a photograph.

Yours sincerely,

*Lester B. Bridgeman*  
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Museum Director

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford  
The Wood House  
Warrenville Road  
Wheaton, Illinois

Mr. Howard Ashburn  
211 Dover Circle  
Norfolk, Va., Virginia

Dear Mr. Ashburn:

I am sending you a chart of my family lines back to Milner Widdien Peters who you will see is also my great grandfather. His wife, Elizabeth Sanders Carter was a daughter of Dr. James Carter and a Sanders girl (whose name for the moment I don't remember) and he was a physician in Williamsburg. Recently the Williamsburg Organization rebuilt his apothecary shop which is right next to the Raleigh Tavern.

I have a great deal of information on him and the Carter line and perhaps we could exchange what we both have. I would certainly like very much to have you take a photograph of Milner Widdien Peters and I suggest that you have it done by a competent photographer and send me the film. I would like one that I could reproduce and have photostated so that when I make up my history of the various lines that I am interested in, I could send it to those who descended from him and others. This will not be a published book but merely a typewritten record but it will be far better than any of them have at the present time. I will give you a copy of that also so far as it pertains to the lines in which you are interested.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford

M.DR/as  
Paroxal Statuary

P.S. 1 Some years ago, I secured a great deal of information from Mrs. Bassie Carter Peters Britt who I assume has passed on as I haven't heard from her recently.

MDR



**HOLLAND STUDIO**

218 Warwick Road  
Dial N. N. 8-1279  
WARWICK, VIRGINIA

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford  
Warrenville Road,  
Wheaton, Ill.

October 31, 1956

1 4x5 color Transparency of Oil Painting for Mrs.  
Robert Tolley \$12.00

Painted 1851  
11/14

Please excuse the delay in my answering your letter, but was received at my business season, the letter was put aside to be answered later.  
Not knowing a great deal about paintings and being unable to judge the apparent age of one, I don't feel that I could give you a fair estimate. From all evidence it looks to be a very old painting also. It does not have a signature.

Hoping that this information will be of some help to you.

Very truly yours:

John W. Holland, Jr.

J.W.H.



November 11, 1956

Holland Studio  
210 Warwick Road  
Warwick, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing my check for the 4 x 5 color transparency which was sent to me by Mrs. Robert Tolley.

In your looking over this painting, would you give me your estimate of the apparent age. It is supposed to be that of a gentelman who lived between the years 1787 and 1823. The picture shows an apparently very young person, yet he is carrying a sword. Does the painting bear evidence that it could be that old and does it have any signature?

I would appreciate very much your comments on this and I am attaching a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours very truly,

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Mrs. Howard Ashburn  
c/o Mrs. Robert F. Tolley  
220 James River Drive  
Warwick, Virginia

Re: Milnor Whidden Peters

Dear Mrs. Ashburn:

The colored picture of Milnor Whidden Peters was received and I took it to the Art Institute here in Chicago. Their expert says that he thinks it is a nineteenth century copy of an eighteenth century original. In view of the fact that Milnor Peters lived from 1787-1823 this would seem logical. He inquired if it would be possible to find the original as it might be, as you said, a very good portrait. However, he did not soon very much impressed by this copy.

I am going to attempt doing something now which I have been contemplating for some time. Originally I intended to get all the information together on the Woodhouse and allied lines and to publish some kind of a book. That does not seem feasible at this time because there is so much missing information that might possibly be secured that I would wait until some later time to do that, if I can do so. The cost would be considerable and I do not want an incomplete record going out. However, in the meantime I am going to make up looseleaf books of the information that I have and send it to those who are interested in the various lines. In that connection I wish you would give me all the information that you can secure on the Peters and Whidden lines and any others that you think would be of interest to your group. I am enclosing a chart on which I would ask that you fill in your list of ancestors in as complete a form as possible.

Thanking you for your past courtesies and hoping that I can be of still further service to you, I remain

Yours truly,

M. D. Rutherford

MDR/as



November 14, 1956

Mrs. Howard Ashburn  
c/o Mrs. Robert F. Valley  
220 James River Drive  
Warwick, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ashburn:

I received the picture and it certainly looks very nice. I would appreciate your giving me any information which you have on it so that I may make it a part of the records of our family.

I am going to send you and others such records as I develop when I have this enough to assemble them in the proper form. I am going to send them to you in 8½ x 11 sheets, punched for a three ring notebook.

In looking over this, it certainly is a very nice picture but I am somewhat puzzled by the fact that it seems to be that of a very youthful person and yet he is carrying a sword; in view of the fact that he died in 1823, he may have been in the War of 1812.

You mentioned that the restorer thought that it might be a Peale. Did he indicate that there was any signature and what were his reasons for thinking that? Are you familiar with the costumes of that day and does it actually represent the costume of the time or is it some sort of an allegorical type of costume in which I understand it was the fashion to picture people in those days?

I will be very glad to hear from you regarding this.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford

NDR/as

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c/o Mrs. Robert F. Valley  
220 James River Drive  
Warwick, Virginia

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Very truly yours,

M. D. Rutherford

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September 24, 1948

Mrs. Luther L. Britt  
802 Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Your name has been given to me by Miss Eloise D. Hunter as possibly being in position to help me secure information. I am listing below the information I have, and would like to secure additional information tracing ancestry back as far as possible.

"Tucker, p.123, on Feb. 19, 1831, Thos.C.K.Woodhouse and Miss Sarah Ann Peters obtain a marriage bond (or rather gave one) for their impending marriage. The bond is dated Feb. 19, 1831. Jacob Vickery was the security. A note filed in the Norfolk Borough (or city) records says that the couple was married the same day by Rev. Shepard K. Kollock, Presbyterian."

"Norfolk City W.B. May 28, 1810, Milnor W.Peters and Miss Elizabeth Carter, Robert McCordish was security. A note filed with this bond says that the couple was married the same day by Rev. Robert W.Symes, Rector of Christ P.E. Church. Also included is a note that the bride, Elizabeth Carter, was the ward of Robert Saunders of Williamsburg." (All this Peters, Carter and Saunders connection is very good.)

"Baptismal records of Rev.Synes record that Sarah Ann, daughter of Milnor W.Peters and Elizabeth, his wife, was baptized Oct. 20, 1818, having been born Feb. 27, 1811." "There was at least one other child born to Mr.Peters, because Mr.Synes made a record in 1813 that he had buried the child of Mr.Milnor W.Peters on June 7."

The Sarah Ann Peters referred to above was my great-great grandmother and I would like to get any information I can on Peters and Carter lines.

Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Putherford

M.D.P.

October 15, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt  
802 Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Your most welcome letter certainly opened up a lot of new lines for me to check. My original idea in looking up my genealogy was to join the S.A.R. of This I did under the supposed services of Capt. William Dale Woodhouse in the Virginia Militia. I say supposed because it was really not clear to me as to whether I had the right William, as there were four William Woodhouses living about at that time. However, it was accepted by the Society and I am a member [pp. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 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Your information regarding the Peters and Whidden line is very interesting and I am wondering if you have this information in a form which I can use with the S.A.R. and the C.A.R., the latter for my daughter who is now seven years old. I am enclosing a D.A.R. lineage blank and if you can help me by giving names and dates, it would be of material assistance to me. The same information on the Carter family as well as the Saunders would also be appreciated.

This begins to develop into quite a chore and I would be very willing indeed to pay for the expense of a stenographer to write this for me as I do not feel I should impose on you to this extent.

I was at Williamsburg last spring and would certainly have been most interesting to me to have visited the sites of the residents of my ancestors had I had your information on the Peters, Whidden, Carter and Saunders families of Williamsburg at that time.

Dr. Virginia Woodhouse was my grandfather and from my records, his mother Sarah Ann Peters, was buried near Norfolk as that is the way in which I originally became aware that my Woodhouses were from that section of the country.

Dr. Woodhouse as you say, moved to Mississippi where we have records of him in the census and other reports, and where he married Sarah Gertrude Owen. Dr. Woodhouse was a surgeon in the Civil War and I have a record of his services from Mississippi History Records. Also, he is mentioned in a very large book published by U.S. Government after the War as having been transferred to the Army of Tennessee. The family records state that as a result of his war hardships that his health was broken and he only lived a few years after the War; died, I believe, in 1870.

My Mother was one of three daughters of Dr. Woodhouse, all of whom are now dead. One married Frank Lane and his family lives in Oklahoma. The other daughter had no name and the only son, Dale, died without issue also. My Mother, Filla Woodhouse married Milton Brown Rutherford, grandson of Judge John Adam Rutherford - first Judge of Lamar County, Texas, 1840-45. The Rutherfords came to Texas in 1835 from Tennessee and Judge Rutherford, in census of 1880, stated his parents were both born in Virginia. There were so many Rutherfords in Virginia and Tennessee at that time I have been unable (up to now) to separate them sufficiently to be able to trace Judge Rutherford parents or grandparents. As you know, they did not have middle names in those days and it makes the task more difficult.

While in New York last week, I was looking for information on the Dale family. William Dale Woodhouse was Betty Dale, and her father's name was William Dale. There is quite a history of Dales around Norfolk as they seem to be mariners, which I presume to mean sea captains. The legend in my Mother's family was that Dale, from whom we descend, was second Governor of Virginia but as I found Sir Thomas Dale died without issue it made the task more difficult and I came to the conclusion that the Dales referred to was Betty Dale's family.

However, I also found that the William & Mary Quarterly Vol. 17 page 196-202 Sketch of Dales of Lancaster County, Rappahannock River willed his grand-daughter, Elizabeth Carter, bed, trunk and also part of his estate. Other grandchildren included Peter and Joseph Carter. All under legal age. If this Elizabeth Carter is the one who is daughter of Dr. Carter, that would give me another Dale family line to look up. Perhaps you can help me on this.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford

WDR'W  
one.



I'm keeping your letters so if I find anything of real help  
to you I will send it on.

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you that Dr. Woodhouse a professor at Chapel Hill, No. Car. University  
of N. C. has written the genealogy of the "Woodhouse Family in Virginia".  
If you will write to him I think he will help you with that, he may have  
it in book form.

I have no genealogical sheet of any Carter's and Saunders at all  
just excerpts from things in Wm. and Mary Quarterly and "Kibbler's Old  
Williamsburg Wills" etc., Dr. James Carter's will is in it.

I feel quite sure ('tho' can't prove) that Robt. Saunders, President  
of Wm. & Mary College, was my great Grandmother, Sarah Saunders near  
relative and he is mentioned in my Grandfather's will as executor.

Mrs. Lewis Chapman, Smithfield, Va., (a genealogist) is of my line  
of Carters, she has done some work on it for me, I did not join D.A.R.'s  
on these Carters or Saunders, too much trouble and expense, I joined on  
Maj. James Crump's record my mother's ancestor because it was just handed  
down to me, also on her Harris line.

I'm sorry but I don't think I can do anymore on these records.  
It makes me sick everytime I do it, I am old and quite feeble, but if  
you are in Norfolk I would like to have you call. My father's family  
Bible was stolen from our cottage at Va. Beach in a mahogany chest at  
my father's law library and Bible - it was a great loss.

With kindest regards.

(Mrs. L.R.) Bessie Peters Britt.

November 19, 1948

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Dear Mr. Rutherford:

You must be quite disgusted with me for my tardiness in  
answering your first letter.

It would take too long to enumerate the things that have  
happened here since. Suffice it to say a death in the family,  
relatives coming and going and my precious great grand baby  
5 years old desperately ill in Richmond. We had to be there. He  
is out of hospital now and we hope out of danger.

I have a 9 room house, immense lot, to keep up and only a  
day worker who is very irregular, so I think you can imagine some  
things I have had to do, also painters in the house for two weeks.

Well, I called my cousin the daughter of Milnor Keeling,

whom you quote in your letter; she and I are about the only ones  
of the Beding line who are in the least interested in their genealogy.  
We drove all through Princess Anne County yesterday trying to find  
out where my grand parents were buried also where your great grand-  
mother (Mrs. Thomas K. C. Woodhouse was buried - we went to the house  
in which she lived and also my grandmother Eliza. Carter Peters died,  
but found neither grave in the grave yard. We decided they must  
have been buried in the Keeling Cemetery one mile away so went there,  
but it was so overgrown with cedar trees and everything else we could not  
even get in it. This old place was sold 12 years ago to a Portsmouth  
man who has divided it into water sites and many of them sold and some  
lovely homes built - there they face Lynnhaven River just as it enters  
Chesapeake Bay - The old deed forbids the cemetery to be molested or  
sold and must be kept up and cleaned, but it isn't kept up. I was  
there about 6 years ago and could only get into one corner of it  
and only could find Solomon Keeling and wife Martha (my aunt). I  
borrowed the old family Bible from my cousin, who says she will not  
let anyone but me have it and copied these two sheets from it for you.  
You can swear all dates are correct - These are all in it that  
refer to your side of family.

She says that what you say about Capt. Adam Keeling is true and  
he was in the Va. Light Horse Cavalry - she doesn't know anything of  
his war record however.

The Keelings, I'm sorry to say though there are quite a few  
descendants have rather petered out here - The only two I know are  
Henry G. Keeling - Insurance Citizens Bank Building, Norfolk and  
Miss Sara Keeling, 504 Fairfax Ave., they may have their family  
history - They did come over to this country with the Thorogoods  
and my cousin says married with some of them, she has no records  
back that far. Old Keeling house built in 1634. Eng. bricks  
still standing.

Then you know I have no records of the Woodhouses. I wrote



November 24, 1948

I'm keeping your letter so if I find anything great help to  
you will send it me -

Mrs. Luther R. Britt  
803 N. Graydon Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ruthergord,  
Nov. 19th 1948.  
  
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also paupers in the house for two  
years.

Well I called my cousin the daughter  
of minor Keling, whom you wrote

November 12, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt  
80 N. Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

A correspondent, and distant relative of  
the Noland family, of California advises me that Robert  
Saunders was President of William and Mary College about 1853.  
Could this be the father, or perhaps the same Robert Saunders,  
that was guardian of Elizabeth Carter who married Minor Peters?

In looking over my previous letter to you  
I realize now that I gave you quite a large task and am afraid  
it is going to prove too much for you. If you will give  
me the name of the Keling connections whom you were going to  
contact, perhaps I can contact them direct and save you that  
trouble.

In the meantime I would certainly appreciate  
anything you will be able to tell me on the Peter-Carter-  
Hidden Lines.

M. D. Rutherford

Yours very truly,



December 7, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt  
803 W. Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

I hesitate to bother you again but I noticed in one of your earlier letters that you had the Whidden Genealogy for several generations back in England. I have had my investigators here and in Washington try to find something on Whidden but they are unable to do so, and would appreciate it if you will let me have what you have in your records.

If it is in printed form and it would be convenient for you to do so please mail to me and I will have it photostated. It is in a form that can be photostated and is not convenient for you to send to me. I will appreciate your having it done there. Photostating is a very satisfactory way of copying anything and the cost is usually quite reasonable, around 50¢ a page, and it has the added advantage of being capable of reproduction and as I am intending (in the future) to make several copies of these papers and supply other members of the family with copies of this genealogy, this photostating will be of considerable advantage to me.

I would be very glad to pay for any expenses, of any kind connected with this, even to travel fares or similar expense in having the work done.

Yours very truly,

H. D. Rutherford

N.H.

December 28, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt  
803 W. Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

With further reference to my observations on Henry Keeling. One of my genealogists reported that the STANDARD of Richmond, Va. published in 1880 states items on Keeling. I have another genealogist, who does work for me in Historical records of Virginia, photostat these files and in it there is a reference to Reverend Henry Keeling who was one of a large family, including Jacob as the oldest.

This Rev. Keeling also had a son Reverend Keeling, mentioned in the book "Virginia Baptist Ministers" who had a son Robert, a Captain from Alabama Regiment killed in the Battle of Seven Pines. If this is the Henry Keeling I am referring to, it would explain why during the Revolution he is listed in official records as being one of those contributing to the Patriots Cause.

Incidentally, I have photostat copy of this list and it shows not only Henry Keeling but practically everyone of consequence in the county at that time, including all of our relations. Also, I have photostat copies of two petitions signed by practically all of the inhabitants of the county dated in 1780 and 1783. These are quite interesting as it shows the actual handwriting of these people. If you are interested I can arrange to have copies made for you.

Also the reference to the Reverend Henry Keeling above stated that his son said he was born in Lynnhaven in the middle 1700s and died in 1820. These dates seem to correspond with what other information I have, as we know that Henry was a slave owner and property owner as early as 1774 which would mean that he was 21 at that time. Perhaps this information will be interesting to the Keeling with whom you talked and from whom you secured the information you gave me.

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law, engaged in several business affairs. When The People's Bank was organized (now The Bank of Commerce) he was foregoed in the organization and was made its President and remained in that capacity until his death on April 6, 1960.

"My parents lost their three first children, then James Sidney, Elizabeth Brandon, Keeling, and John Marvin - Keeling died at 3 yrs. of age. James Sidney was about 12 yrs. old when our father died. He was educated in Mr. Galt's School for boys, until he was sent to Norfolk Military Academy. I don't want to mention Sydney College and even after he was married at home to Victoria Morganna Brandon, (his half cousin), he studied law at the University of Virginia, and most interested in Politics and was sent from Campbell County (where he then lived on a farm belonging to his wife), to the Virginia Legislature, by a vote of men up to me except John W. Daniel, who, I believe, was the same age.

After this he was genuinely converted through the influence of his devoted wife and the interest of the Methodist Minister at the church. He began preaching and studying at once. They had two children, John Brandon and William Anthony Peters. He was a member of the Virginia Conference until his death. Dr. John Brandon Peters prominent Methodist Minister, married Pearl Bettow, they have one child, Mary Vannine Peters. Dr. William Anthony (a prominent doctor in Elizabeth City, N.C.) married Sue Powell of Emporia, Va. They have one child, Dr. Wm. Anthony Peters, Jr., now on the staff of Duke University Hospital. He is married and has one child.

After the death of his wife, J. Sidney Peters married Sara Lee Robertson, of Salem, Virginia. They had seven children, Josephine Willis, Anne Lumden, James Sidney, Jr., Sara Lee, Edward Robertson, Franklin Woodson and Elizabeth Churchill. After J. Sidney Peter's death in 1933, the family moved to Mr. Peter's mother's home in Salem, Virginia. I find I have left out entirely myself. John Marvin Peters, youngest child of Susan Ames and John Whiddon Peters, born 21st January, 1879, died in Pittsburg July 21, 1914.

John Marvin married Julia Atwood of Beaver, Penn. They had one child, Marlin, who married William Christopher, now divorced. He has a position in N.Y. and has lived there for many years.

Elizabeth Brandon, married Luther R. Britt of Suffolk, Va. He was a real estate broker in Norfolk. They had one child, Margaret Lillian Britt, who married S. Chester Markley of Roanoke. They have one child, Elizabeth Brandon, who married Basil Spalding of Richmond, Va. They have two little boys, Basil III and Carter Brandon Spalding, and live in Richmond. These boys are 8 and 6 yrs. old.

Bessie Peters Britt.

I do not know where the land is located or when the grant was acquired, but there was a man named Peters in Colonial times and I imagine it ran through his land. John I bought or built a small house at the Court House, which he left to his son, Minor Peters. His father John had rebuilt and enlarged it. The house still stands and is called even now "The Peters House" - picture in "Old Houses in Princess Anne (B7 Mrs. Kellam). John Peters left 2 daughters; Mary Whiddon married Jacob Vickery of Norfolk, Col. of the Port of Norfolk. Anne Whiddon married Robert McCandlish of Williamsburg (a Lawyer). The son, Minor Whiddon Peters, married Elizabeth Saunders Carter of Williamsburg, the daughter of Dr. James Carter and Sarah Saunders Carter. She was an orphan at 8 yrs. of age and went to live with her mother's sister, Mrs. Thomas McCandlish. Minor Peters went to live with his sister, Mrs. Robt. McCandlish, while attending William & Mary College. These two McCandlish men presumably were brothers, so Minor and Elizabeth Carter were thrown together fell in love and were married. They went to live in Norfolk with his sister, Mrs. Jacob Vickery, in their lovely old home on Bough Street, still standing. Minor was employed by his brother-in-law, Capt. Vickery, as deputy. They lived there until their children were born, several Vickerys were born, when they moved to a smaller house on same lot - belonging to Capt. Vickery. There they lived until his death in 1922 of pneumonia. Their three children were Martha, John Whiddon and Sarah Anne. Vertha married Solomon Keeling of Princess Anne Co. Sarah Anne married Thomas K. Woodhouse, of Princess Anne Co. John Whiddon married three times; first, Miss Shepherd, died in six months. Second wife, Mrs. Mullin; they had two children, Frances and Martha. Their mother died also very young and he married Susan Agnes Lumden, then of Princess Anne Co. Her father, Rev. J. D. Lumden, was a minister there.

The Keelings were very prominent in Princess Anne. The first one came over with Adam Thorogood from England about 1634. They reared a large family, all dead, but grand and great-grandchildren, many living now in Princess Anne, one is living in Norfolk (Mrs. Ashburn) who was Kemper Keeling, daughter of Judge Milnor Keeling (my father's nephew), who studied law under my father and practiced here until his death.

The Woodhouse family also is a large prominent family of Princess Anne and Norfolk, earliest settlers of Princess Anne. Dr. Robert Woodhouse was a close mate of our William Peters in Medical College, Richmond; a fine man of whom we are very fond; also Mr. Woodhouse of Chapel Hill University of North Carolina brother of Dr. Robert Woodhouse. My father, John Whiddon Peters, lived during his second marriage at Princess Anne Court House in his grandfather's old home. After his second wife died (he was Commonwealth's Attorney of Princess Anne) he moved to Norfolk, practised law and married my mother, Sarah. He bought a very large, handsome house on Granby Street. He brought his servants with him. All of my mother's children were born there and even after the war the servants would not leave, so and always had some of them and their children. I can remember them by name (44 of them) My father, the practicing



July 6th, 1950

Mrs. L. R. Britt,  
803 N. Graydon Ave.,  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Smith!

I note in my file, that the last correspondence I had with you, was in December 1948.

Since that time I have done a great deal of work on the Woodhouse, Widdon and other lines. I have had professional genealogists working for me both in England and America, this latter, being a man who was formerly a professor at the University of California on genealogy.

I have discussed a great many subjects, and it is my desire to have some of course on which you would be interested. Let me know and I will send you dots for a copy.

I do not have the genealogy of the family from him to the last grants to America, and I believe you stated in one of your letters, that you had this. If so, I would appreciate your reference to the children line. I have records of the genealogy in England down for many generations to Sir John Whidbey, who died in 1698, having had six sons and seven daughters.

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M. D. Rutherford/  
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Dear Mr. Butterfield:



August 12, 1950

July 19, 1950

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

We have just returned from our summer in the mountains, so I am answering yours of July 19th.

I cannot find the record of General Lemuel Shepherd on the Peters and Whiddon Line which I sent you. I took the day yesterday to go through my records of Harris - Lanindon - Brandon, Carter and Britts. It was a job, so I had to go to bed from it.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

With reference to the information I have on Whiddon Line, I am having this typed on one sheet and will send it to you soon. There is a gap between the English Line and the American Branch which I will get busy and see if I can close. I have several professional genealogists working for us and I think if it can be found they will locate it.

The same is true of the Carter Line. If you will send me what you have on the Carter Line, or at least that portion of it where my line connects with the Carter Line and previous to that time, I will try and see if I can't clear up that little hitch which you refer to in your letter. Also, I will of course give you the information when I secure it.

The Peters Line I sent you (or that part given me by Gen'l. Shepherd), I cannot find it so can't give you dates but you must have it in your records. That is all I have. John I in America married Anne Whiddon of Shropshire, England. All I know, told me by a great aunt. Mrs. Shepherd, is that he, John Peters, came from England and settled in Norfolk County (now Princess Anne). My father's Bible and Law Library was stolen from a cottage of ours at Cape Henry (now Fort Story) when it was unoccupied. John married, (I can't find the date.)

Now about Carters, I have a great deal copied from Mrs. Chapman's book. She is descended from same line we are, so I will copy the date and tree partly and send you. My daughter will not let me mail my records to any one. If you are ever in Norfolk, you are welcome to have it here at our home.

I hope you will excuse my writing, I have had a terribly mashed and cut hand. Surgeon had to sew rip in several places, have had very little use of it since. Can only write a few lines at a time.

Have you ever written to Doctor Woodhouse of Chapel Hill, Univ. of N.C.? He has all the data on the Woodhouse Family.

This Miss or Mrs. Amelia E. Cutliff, Albany, Ga., has family Bible of Carters giving dates which are required on all Patriotic Societies. I would very much like to have photograph copy of her dates of our line back to John II who died 1693 married Elizabeth Wormley, etc., if she has them. Maybe you can get one from her.

I shall be looking for your pamphlet when it is finished. Good luck and best wishes.

(Signed) Bessie Peters Britt



Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1950

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

Thank you

Very much for this type written letter  
etc. you have sent giving much in-  
formation about Williams etc. from  
Tome Wifalk Co. Hills, they don't seem  
to come down to our ancestor marrying  
John Peters, but I think Gen'l Lemuel  
Shipbird has that history but it is  
hard to get him now in this horrible  
war - I had it once, but lent it to some  
one in the family and it never came  
back. I feel sure there are other ac-  
counts in L. N. County records, but I am  
no good at searching - Who got these  
records for you? surely would like to  
know. I think I sent you the name of  
Mrs. Hope Kellam so you may have



September 14, 1950

Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt  
803 W. Graydon Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Received your letter of September 8 and clipping which I will have photostated and return the original to you.

I am engaged in a very ambitious undertaking. You know how you get into these things gradually; it starts out to be a small undertaking and becomes a project. Apparently no one has ever done much on the Woodhouse line and whatever has been done is only partially correct and in scattered articles. I have become deeply interested in this and have made extensive investigations in England and this country and have had part of this work done for me by professional genealogists, who don't work for love.

I will from time to time send you articles which I have written for your inspection and if you desire, you may keep the copies. In the back of my mind is the possibility that at some future date I will have these all written up so that they can be published in book form if such seems advisable at that time.

I am preparing a chart of the Woodhouse line, from my daughter back to the earliest Woodhouses on which I can find any record in England, with all the allied lines springing from the marriage of Sir William in 1554 to Elizabeth Calthorpe. The Calthorpe family was connected by marriage to many of the famous names in the peerage of England and Scotland, including several kings and queens of both countries.

This chart will be documented with over 400 references to unassailable authorities and at present is approximately 4 ft. x 6 ft. This will be photostated and reduced to 3 ft. x 4 ft., and I may have one hundred copies of it made. Some of these copies will be distributed to various genealogical libraries in this country and England as will also be the articles which I hope to have printed in the Virginia Historical Magazine, and members of the family can secure their information from these sources if they desire. However, as there will probably be some demand for copies for their personal use of both the articles and the chart, I will probably have a few extra copies made up, as I will probably receive requests to be notified when it is ready and will be making up lists of such requests and I suggest that you give me the names of all members of the family and allied families who might be interested and when I have anything ready which may be distribut-

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Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt  
Norfolk, Virginia

September 14, 1950

ed in large numbers, I will communicate with them.

It might be necessary for me to make a small charge for the actual printing of the items and the chart, but they would, in any case, secure the benefits of the money I spent in research at no cost to them. I might add that this cost of research is running well over two thousand dollars at present.

When these articles are printed, I will undoubtedly receive some letters as a result of that publicity, and only if I secure sufficient requests for the charts will I have them reproduced in large quantities. As you probably are aware, these things are much cheaper if done in larger quantities. The first chart will probably cost me one hundred dollars to reproduce, but one hundred copies could probably be reproduced for approximately ten dollars per copy. This, however, is only a guess.

Yours very truly,

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M. D. Rutherford/mn



C O D Y

907 T. Graydon Ave., Norfolk, Va.  
May 12, 1951

Dear Mr. Futherford:

Your letter has just arrived and I hasten to tell you I have all the information there is on the Carters from relatives, etc. and two books on Carters, copies of Wills, etc., so I do not wish you to take time and trouble to send me yours. Mrs. Chapman who is from the same line sent me her book of the family to co. Y. Mr. Britt was connected with her family with the Riddicks of Va. We have his genealogy (Mr. Britt's) back to one of the early Kings (Edward) I forgot which one, but we have it written and published by Lyon Gardner Tyler, LL.D., Pres. of William & Mary College, Pres. of Va. Historical Society and author of many books on Va. His book or books of Va. Biography has the Digges & Coles of Va. and Williamsburg in Volumes I. Then I have my lines from the Harrises of Va. So I wont assure son of

808 Mr. Graydon Ave.  
May - 18th, 1951.

Dear Mr. Rutherford.

Your letter has just arrived and I hasten to tell you I have all the information there is on the Carters from relatives, etc. and two books on Carters, copies of Wills, etc., so I do not wish you to take time and trouble to send me yours. Mrs. Chapman who is from the same line sent me her book of the Carter family. Copies of Wills etc., to

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Dear Mr. Rutherford, I am enclosing your letter  
and apologize for not answering yours letter  
as I have just returned home  
of late Sept. and not yet had time  
to go today, and not fully fill in my letter, as I  
have to wait for their next location of off  
fairs and suppose the "Matah" house and "Geling  
Gines" I really would have to get some more  
driven me down to Lynn Haven to see Mrs West  
or Mrs. John F. Root and am not at  
all familiar with those places.  
However I have phoned today to Mrs. Ashburn  
whose daughter is living near my father's old place  
and here to know if she would help me to  
visit you. Her husband is an invalid, so  
said they need really good day, she would drive  
in (live in Suffolk) and get me and take  
me out to her house for the day. I will soon  
be getting back to the original home, now all  
settled in winter part lots, but she knows other  
and will stay in those places, all have  
changed hands since many many times -  
I would suggest you think of in contact  
Mrs. J. W. C. West; I am aware Fox apt  
his sister Mrs. John Frost is not here at present  
lives in Va. They are more interested with  
water front and the docks (not)  
They always lived "Turk" the dock (not)  
until they moved to Norfolk 50 yrs. ago -  
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owner - She sold house long has small  
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Dear Mr. Rutherford,  
I am still in the land  
of the living, but for how long  
John Burns.

I have had a chapter & acci-  
dents, though the wind and  
spring, not able to write a huge  
for a long time, with a break  
sprained hand, but am picking  
up my writing again now -  
you must sit. And he a very  
body man to be able to keep up  
your interest and help in all  
the organizations listed on your wife  
letter head, not to speak of our  
business (unless you have retired).

I appreciate the chart of our  
situation, but I shall not be  
informed.

Thanks several times. But I am a  
old man to find the many old  
old places - I hope you can get in  
your story and see the world went to  
the very first landing there and the

May 23, 1951

Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt  
803 W. Graydon Ave.  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

I can readily understand that with all the array of possible  
or probable P.F.V.'s that you would not be interested in  
carrying the Carter line too far. However, I have been and  
am now corresponding with Mrs. Chapman, and am quoting  
from her letter to me, as follows:

"I had quite a lengthy correspondence with Mrs. Cuttiss many  
years ago. She claimed that our Carter line descended from  
John Carter the brother of the "King". I have studied very  
carefully his Will and that of his wife and I just cannot  
find any possible clue that he left a son, John. I feel  
positive that we somehow belonged to this Carter clan but  
so far I cannot prove a thing beyond the John Carter Gables,  
born in 1690, the father of John (merchant-my ancestor),  
Dr. James, Dr. William and Thomas, killed in the F. & I.  
War. John Carter's job was an appointive position  
when "King" Carter, as far as Virginia was concerned,  
was what his title stands for. John Carter I  
in his original will leaves a bequest to his nephew John  
Carter, which the clerk slipped in his recording of the will.  
I imagine he was the son of Edward Carter of Haneswood Co.  
where John I first settled, but with the records of Haneswood  
gone and those of James City, it seems hopeless getting back  
of 1690 as registered in the Carter Bible carried by Mrs.  
Cuttiss' family to Georgia.

I am still struggling and will let you know if I ever find  
anything further, nobody knows how I hope to eventually straighten  
this line, with what we know of the families in which our families  
married, we are bound to have been "top notch".

In spite of this discouraging news I am still working on it and have  
used Dr. James Carter with the Sons of the American Revolution, but  
would, of course, like very much to carry the line farther back.

Yours truly,

M.D.R.

U. D. Rutherford













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